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S. 2086

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2456

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2456, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry, and for other purposes.

S. 2582

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the residential energy efficient property credit and energy credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2588

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2588, a bill to study the extent to which individuals are more at risk of maternal mortality or severe maternal morbidity as a result of being a victim of intimate partner violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2759

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2759, a bill to restore honor to certain previously discharged members of the Armed Forces.

S. 2780

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2780, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain adverse personnel actions taken against members of the Armed Forces based on declining the COVID-19 vaccine.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

2789, a bill making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 2798

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2798, a bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 25

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 25, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 338

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 338, a resolution designating September 2021 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

S. RES. 374

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 374, a resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as "National Estuaries Week".

S. RES. 381

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 381, a resolution proclaiming the week of September 20 through September 24, 2021, to be "National Clean Energy Week".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION

By Mr. TUBERVILLE:

S. 2857. A bill to prohibit any Federal agency from requiring financial institutions to report on the financial transactions of their customers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, you know, these days, information is only a few clicks away on your computer, and there is more information to be consumed than there are hours in the day. It is information overload, and it is overwhelming to sift through all the noise. But no matter the narrative being pushed, one thing remains: the facts. The facts don't lie. It is information overload.

The facts tell the story better than anyone. Facts take many forms and

play out in many ways. They are the impacts of decisions made and actions taken, whether we like it or not. But it doesn't take long for anyone to see this fact: The decisions coming out of the White House have followed one overall thought, one guiding ideology. It is not a unifying ideology that protects the freedoms and liberties we hold dear as Americans. It doesn't safeguard the values of our country or promote a vision for a brighter tomorrow and a more prosperous nation for future generations. It is a Big Government, socialist ideology. It is a vision of transformation. It is a strategy of undoing everything done by the previous administration even if those policies were successful.

Since President Biden's inauguration, every executive order, every regulatory rollback, and every message of so-called unity we were once promised has been in the spirit of doing the opposite of the previous administration, with an emphasis on the "woke" transformation of America's founding principles. "But not Trump" is not a strategy. It is not a policy stance. It is a reactionary and misguided posture that has plunged our Nation into domestic and international disarray.

It is a backward approach to implementing an agenda to transform the culture and the values of America, and we are seeing the on-the-ground effects of this approach in our communities, at our borders, and abroad.

When the singular driving force of your Presidency is simply being the opposite of your predecessor, our country faces the consequences of that decision. We are facing crises that were preventable, crises that are a direct result of policy decisions. This is an uncomfortable and inconvenient fact for President Biden, and Democrats don't seem too interested in the facts about the consequences of this administration's decision, either.

So let me lay them out. Here are some facts. The Biden administration inherited a conditions-based withdrawal strategy on Afghanistan. The idea was that we will have a withdrawal of forces that kept some boots on the ground to maintain stability and limit chaos and, importantly, preserve the progress our troops had made. Instead of continuing this conditions-based approach that would protect our servicemembers, allies, and innocent civilians, President Biden came up with a new plan, one he thought would make for better headlines, rather than listening to our commanders on the ground.

President Trump's plan was to roll people out strategically and maintain our assets to prevent attacks on the United States in the future. The plan certainly did not involve leaving American citizens behind. Instead, President Biden's decision left chaos in its wake. His decision left our troops vulnerable and resulted in the death of 13—13—U.S. servicemembers. The average age of these servicemembers was 22 years old.

His decision has disrespected the sacrifices of more than 800,000 U.S. veterans who bravely served during the War on Terror. His decision gave the Taliban their greatest victory to date and made them one of the top 10 most well-equipped militaries in the world, funded by the hard-working taxpayers of this country. His decision abandoned innocent Americans in a country governed by radical terrorists, and it is clear that he ignored the best military advice given to him by his top commanders and ordered our troops to put down their weapons and retreat.

President Biden's decision to withdraw from Afghanistan this way gave the Taliban everything they wanted: control of the region, our own weapons, and, ultimately, a breeding ground for terrorism. The fact of the matter is, our country will be facing the consequences of President Biden's decision for decades—for decades to come.

Our country was safer for the past 20 years thanks to the bravest fighting forces in the world, our men and women in uniform. Counterterrorism is still necessary, but we just made it harder on ourselves by not having ground forces and by closing Bagram Airfield.

The myth from the White House is that our country had no choice but that we were beholden to a deal made before January 20. But the policy decisions made by President Biden emboldened the Taliban, endangered Americans, and encouraged our adversaries.

Tomorrow, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold the first open hearing—hopefully, one of many—to review President Biden's decision and what caused our time in Afghanistan to conclude the way it did. The American people deserve facts, and I and the rest of our delegation will not rest until we have answers from the people involved.

From abroad to right here at our own southwest border, we are witnessing the disastrous effects of the Biden Presidency play out in epic proportions. The numbers do not lie.

Fact: In July and August, apprehensions at the southern border surpassed 200,000 each month. That is quadruple the amount from this time last year.

Fact: We have seen recordbreaking numbers of illegal immigrants at our southwest border from the day President Biden was inaugurated. Over 1.3 million people have been apprehended trying to illegally cross our southwest border, and that is only the ones we know of. There are hundreds of thousands more getting into our country.

And fact: All of this is a direct result of President Biden's open border policies, a reversal from those of the previous administration.

This is a prime example of the Biden administration putting politics over policy. On January 20, his first day in office, President Biden announced a suspension of the border wall construction. Now billions of taxpayer dollars

are being spent to cover the cost of canceling the contracts the Federal Government entered into to build the wall. On the same day, he terminated the Migrant Protection Protocols policy.

In February, President Biden terminated the asylum cooperative agreements with the Northern Triangle countries established under President Trump. Doing away with these agreements has allowed caravans to travel thousands of miles through multiple countries to our southwest border, without any capacity support from our regional partners.

These decisions have directly contributed to the unprecedented numbers of illegal immigrant encounters we have seen, because with these decisions, President Biden signaled to the world that anyone wanting to leave their country for ours would be admitted to the United States of America.

After months of avoiding the word "crisis" to describe the border, President Biden recently said: "We will get the border under control." To even say he will "get the border under control" means he acknowledges that it is not under control.

Well, I guess that is one fact that we can all come to agreement on.

The facts that Democrats seem to want to ignore most are those that deal with our economy. The separation from fact to fiction for our friends across the aisle could not be starker than when it comes to the American economy.

It is a fact that inflation is sky high—as high as it has been since 2010. Despite rising inflation and increasing prices, the President is still marching forward with his vision of Big Government—a big government welfare State, enacted through the Democrats' reckless tax-and-spend spree. He wants to create a massive welfare State paid for by staggering—and I mean staggering—tax hikes that would destroy economic growth.

And the Democrats are his captive audience. President Biden's America is one where our businesses and job creators pay for all. That is not "pay your fair share." That is wealth distribution.

He is not interested in boosting the economy and helping Americans. He is interested in remaking the system with subsidies and entitlements—a welfare state to keep everyone beholden to the government—no work requirements, just complete government dependency.

Our country was founded on freedom. It was founded on opportunity—the opportunity to work hard and to achieve the American dream. That is what this country owes you, not a handout but a hand up.

The programs laid out in the Democrats' reckless tax-and-spend spree are a transparent effort to a woke transformation of the values and culture upon which our country was built. If that wasn't bad enough, they are going

to raise taxes to pay for them, picking from a menu of more than 30 new taxes.

Our businesses, small and large, create jobs and grow the economy. Increasing their taxes means they can't spend and invest in their own businesses. If they can't expand, they can't create more jobs. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Businesses will squeeze inward, cutting workers and wages.

A higher corporate tax rate isn't "paying their fair share." It is destroying the blue-collar jobs that have fueled the middle class.

Why would we ever take pride in the fact that our corporate tax rate is higher than China's? When did that become a worthy goal?

I have an answer for you: It is not. But the terrible proposals to offset the cost of this bill just keep on coming.

The Biden administration wants to require financial institutions to report account balances and transactions greater than \$600 made by Americans to the IRS, the Internal Revenue Service. Any transaction you make over \$600 will be reported to the IRS. That is every taxpayer in this country. Today, only transactions over \$10,000, which is a lot of money, are reported.

Yes, that is the same Agency with a long history of data security failures. Earlier this year, the confidential tax information of a number of prominent Americans leaked—surprisingly, leaked—from the IRS and was published in the press.

The Agency also has a history of singling out certain taxpayers for political purposes. You have a rent payment over \$600, planning to buy airplane tickets over \$600—how about a new hunting rifle? a wedding dress for your daughter? All of this—any transaction over \$600—would be sent to the IRS under President Biden's plan. This is Big Brother Government at its worst.

We are talking about routine financial transactions that Americans make every day. The IRS has no business monitoring these—none. The IRS is intrusive enough as it is. This is something Americans of all political stripes should agree on.

Not only would the IRS be looking over Americans' shoulders, but this would place a heavy burden on community banks and credit unions that play a key role in providing financial services to rural and minority communities. These financial institutions cannot afford to monitor and report all this data to the IRS. They can't afford it. It will put many of these folks out of business, destroying mainstream American communities that rely on all of them in the process.

But don't just take my word for it. The Independent Community Bankers of America's Minority Bank Advisory Council wrote:

Our primary concern is that the proposal would undermine the critical relationship of trust we foster within the communities we serve—communities prone to distrust of institutions and government agencies. We fear

that invasive and indiscriminate account reporting would undermine the policy priority of bringing more people into the banking system and may drive many of those in the system to leave.

I couldn't have said it better.

This is one of the most outrageous proposals coming from this administration—and there have been a lot of them over the last 9 months. This is like a shakedown squad coming around to try to get every single cent from you that they can.

So, today, I introduced a bill called the Protecting Financial Privacy Act that would proactively prohibit this. My bill prohibits any Federal Agency from creating, implementing, or administering a financial account information reporting regime that would require financial institutions or individuals to report data on financial transactions or account balances to the IRS in excess of what is already required by the Bank Secrecy Act. The last thing Americans want or need is Big Brother looking over their shoulders.

The President wants to run from the facts. He would rather hide behind them and point fingers. The facts, for him, don't fit. But it is time for the President to wake up. It is time to stop blaming President Trump for disasters that are clearly his own making. It is time to stop an entitlement state of our country that Americans don't want. It is time for the President to face the facts and listen to the American people. He cannot be allowed to deflect responsibility and attempt to distract the American people from crises that were predictable and preventable, especially when the facts couldn't be clearer.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 387—RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS AND COMMENDING THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Mr. MENENDEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 387

Whereas the Peace Corps Act of 1961 was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on September 22, 1961;

Whereas the Peace Corps' mission is to promote world peace and friendship by—

- (1) helping the people in interested countries to meet their need for trained workers;
- (2) helping to promote a better understanding of Americans by people in countries where volunteers have served; and
- (3) helping to promote a better understanding of such people by Americans;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers work to advance both international development and public diplomacy, with more than 240,000 Americans who have answered the call to service by cumulatively serving in 142 countries and providing more than 3,000,000,000 of service to our Nation and the world;

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers exemplify American values and grow trust and faith in the United States in developing countries by—

- (1) building connections with the people with whom they live and work; and
- (2) helping communities realize the full potential of their present assets and discover new opportunities;

Whereas returned Peace Corps volunteers enter the job market with—

- (1) the experience of working with limited resources and navigating bureaucratic institutions; and
- (2) proficiency in many languages and communication styles;

Whereas due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Peace Corps made the difficult decision, in early 2020, to temporarily suspend all volunteer missions and recall approximately 7,300 volunteers and trainees from their countries of service;

Whereas the Peace Corps and the broader Peace Corps community have utilized this temporary recall to deeply explore how the many ways in which the Peace Corps could be improved in its support of volunteers and its collaboration with the communities in which such volunteers are serving, including facilitating COVID-19 testing and the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines;

Whereas beginning in December 2021, the Peace Corps will gradually resume its volunteer missions abroad, beginning with missions located in parts of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Whereas Peace Corps volunteers play a significant role in implementing presidential initiatives at the local level, including training and deploying more than 800 specialized malaria prevention volunteers to serve in communities across Africa since 2011;

Whereas the Peace Corps, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, has generated an additional \$34,000,000 in local community and third party contributions through the Small Project Assistance Program in support of important development outcomes, including—

- (1) efforts to combat human trafficking;
- (2) enhanced civic engagement and public accountability;
- (3) improved maternal and children's health outcomes;
- (4) preventing the spread of malaria;
- (5) bolstered community resilience and preparedness to environmental disasters;

Whereas 42 percent of Peace Corps volunteers work in the education sector by—

- (1) increasing the English language competency of local students and teachers;
- (2) developing teaching materials and improving the teaching techniques of local teachers; or
- (3) assisting after-school programs, youth clubs, and the development of libraries;

Whereas the Peace Corps advances the principles of gender equality worldwide and maintains a volunteer force that is 65 percent female; and

Whereas the Peace Corps is integral to realizing United States' foreign policy, addressing critical global challenges that require United States' leadership, and advances our United States' national security interests: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Peace Corps;
- (2) honors all of the volunteers who have dedicated their lives to address the serious global challenges of our time, including illiteracy, environmental degradation, food insecurity, and communicable diseases;

(3) commends the tireless service of the civil servants, recruiters, medical and security personnel, and in-country support staff that run the Peace Corps on a daily basis; and

(4) renews the United States' commitment—

(A) to promoting world peace and friendship; and

(B) to helping developing countries reach their development goals.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3829. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2792, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following:

SEC. 530C. AUTHORIZATION OF CLAIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES THAT ARISE FROM SEX-RELATED OFFENSES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 163 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2733a the following new section:

“§ 2733b. Claims arising from sex-related offenses

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with this section and under such regulations as the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe under subsection (d), the Secretary may allow, settle, and pay a claim against the United States for personal injury or death of a claimant arising from—

“(1) a sex-related offense committed by a covered individual; and

“(2)(A) the negligent failure to prevent such sex-related offense; or

“(B) the negligent failure to investigate such sex-related offense.

“(b) REQUIREMENT FOR CLAIMS.—A claim may be allowed, settled, and paid under subsection (a) only if—

“(1) the claim is filed by the claimant who is the victim of the sex-related offense, or by an authorized representative on behalf of such claimant who is deceased or otherwise unable to file the claim due to incapacitation;

“(2) the claimant was a member of an armed force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department at the time of the sex-related offense;

“(3) the claim is presented to the Department in writing within two years after the claim accrues;

“(4) the claim is not allowed to be settled and paid under any other provision of law; and